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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.33
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1731**

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09877.0189-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Giacomo Stefano Roba *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 1731
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Application No.: 09/986,622) Examiner: John M. Hoffman
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Filed: November 9, 2001)
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For: METHOD AND INDUCTION) Confirmation No.: 5933
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FURNACE FOR DRAWING)
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LARGE DIAMETER PREFORMS)
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TO OPTICAL FIBRES)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FILING OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

In response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2005, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.33, the period for response having been extended to February 7, 2006 by the filing of a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time on December 7, 2005, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reexamine and reconsider the application in view of the proposed amendments and appended remarks. Please note that the attorney-docket number for the above-captioned application has changed to 09877.0189-00.

Amendments to the Specification are included below and discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

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